

Claims

1. An apparatus comprising a holder (2) for a doctor blade and a blade (1) to be fitted in the holder, characterized in that the holder (2) and/or the blade (1)
5 comprises a composite material, on whose surface or on a part of whose surface a ceramic coating (6) has been made.
2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the composite material comprises a fibre-reinforced thermosetting or thermoplastic resin, preferably a
10 thermosetting or thermoplastic resin reinforced with carbon fibre, fibre glass or boron fibre.
3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that an anchor
15 structure (5) is embedded in the composite material or fixed to the surface of the composite material, which anchor structure may be made of a metal wire, wire mesh, a metal strip, metal foil, a metal powder, combinations of metal and plastic, a plastic-ceramic powder, a ceramic powder or a combination of these in order to fix the ceramic coating (6) and/or an intermediate layer (7).
- 20 4. An apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the ceramic coating (6) comprises Al_2O_3 , Cr_2O_3 , TiO_2 , ZrO_2 or combinations of them, and the intermediate layer (7) comprises a metal, preferably an Al- or Ni-based metal.
- 25 5. A doctor blade (1), characterized in that the blade (1) comprises a composite material on whose surface or on a part of whose surface a ceramic coating (6) has been made.
- 30 6. A doctor blade (1) as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the composite material comprises a fibre-reinforced thermosetting or thermoplastic resin, preferably a thermosetting or thermoplastic resin reinforced with carbon fibre, fibre glass or boron fibre.

7. A doctor blade (1) as claimed in claim 5 or 6, **characterized** in that an anchor structure (5) is embedded in the composite material or fixed to the surface of the composite material, which anchor structure may be made of a metal wire, a metal strip, wire mesh, metal foil, a metal powder, combinations of metal and plastic, a plastic-ceramic powder, a ceramic powder or a combination of these in order to fix the ceramic coating (6) and/or an intermediate layer (7).
8. A doctor blade (1) as claimed in any one of claims 5 to 7, **characterized** in that the ceramic material comprises Al_2O_3 , Cr_2O_3 , TiO_2 , ZrO_2 or combinations of them, and the intermediate layer (7) comprises a metal, preferably an Al- or Ni-based metal.
9. A blade holder (2), **characterized** in that the holder (2) comprises a composite material, on whose surface, partly or wholly, a ceramic coating (6) has been made.
10. A holder (2) as claimed in claim 9, **characterized** in that the composite material comprises a fibre-reinforced thermosetting or thermoplastic resin, preferably a thermosetting or thermoplastic resin reinforced with carbon fibre, fibre glass or boron fibre.
11. A holder (2) as claimed in claim 9 or 10, **characterized** in that the holder (2) comprises a composite material on whose surface or on a part of whose surface a ceramic coating (6) has been made.
12. A holder (2) as claimed in any one of claims 9 to 11, **characterized** in that the ceramic coating (6) comprises Al_2O_3 , Cr_2O_3 , TiO_2 , ZrO_2 or combinations of them, and an intermediate layer (7) comprises a metal, preferably an Al- or Ni-based metal.
13. A holder (2) as claimed in any one of claims 9 to 12, **characterized** in that the inside of the holder (2) is coated with a ceramic.

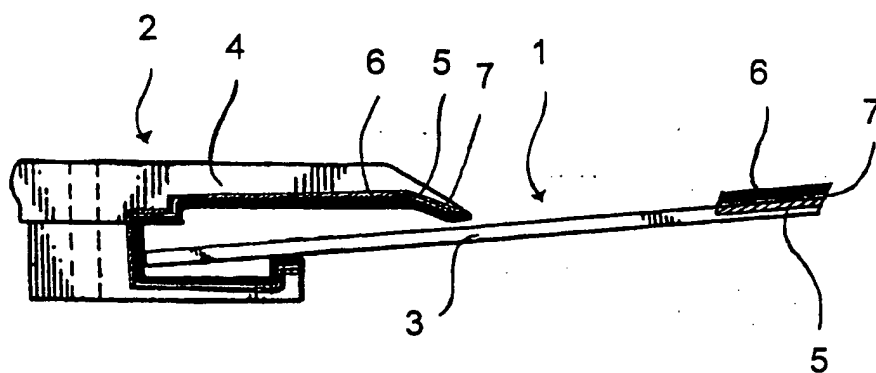


Fig. 1

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